

## SAUDI ARABIA

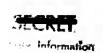
Strike primarily directed against government because of its arrest of four alleged agitators in ARAMCO.

Arrest due their alleged resistence activities Royal Commission appointed by Crown Prince to investigate labor conditions.

No demands presented to company by strikers.

ARAMCO had not protested or requested action.

At present time roughly 37 per cent of native employees in ARAMCO working and 76 per cent at Dhahran Airport.



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Troubles really result from disintegration governmental power due

Ibn Saud illness - Angina Pectoris.

French doctors say may live ten days -- ten years.

Crown Prince not as strong as father and rivalry among contenders although

Crown Prince has been designated by

Ibn Saud.

No very clear evidence of Communist inspiration although one strike leader was in touch with Communist elements of Beirut which apparently becoming Communist center for operations in Arabia areas.



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Strikers burned down workers recreation center - why, nobody knows.

Saudi police and Army treated strikers brutally but avoided firing so physical and personal damage so far relatively low.

On the whole order reasonably maintained.

Government has ordered men to work with threats of deportation to unpleasant parts of Kingdom if they refuse.

ARAMCO protested and advised to mind its own business.

